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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Steven P. Rose
Robert F. Brady, Jr.

Others present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator
Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all members present.

Selectman Rose led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, September 19, 2013 (Regular Session) as written. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, September 19, 2013 (Executive Session) as submitted. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7:30 p.m.—Authorization to sign notes for School Roof Project (BAN)

Treasurer/Collector V. Jean Kopke appeared before the Board requesting authorization to vote to sign the notes for the School Roof Project.

After some discussion, Mr. Brady made a motion to accept the General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes purchased by People's United Bank of Greenfield, MA, at a rate of .64%, in the principal amount of \$236,013. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

On a motion made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Rose, it was unanimously voted to accept with regret the resignation of Meghan Mallett of 93 West Spring Street and Norma Mercuri of 38 Ekberg Street from the Avon Cultural Council, effective September 19, 2013. Mr. Rose requested that Town Administrator McCue send a letter of thanks for their service to the Avon Cultural Council.

A letter of interest was received from Linda Chute of 17 South Street and Deborah Greene of 110 Pond Street requesting appointment to fill the vacancies on the Avon Cultural Council.

Mr. Brady made a motion to appoint both Linda Chute and Deborah Greene to the Avon Cultural Council. Mr. Rose seconded the motion with discussion. Mr. Rose suggested amending the motion so that Ms. Chute has a term of expiration in 2017 and Ms. Greene has a term of expiration in 2016.

It was unanimously voted to amend the motion so that Ms. Chute's appointment has a term of expiration on June 30, 2017 and Ms. Greene's appointment will expire on June 30, 2016.

APPROVAL OF AVON MEDIA POLICY

Chairman Hegarty read the Town of Avon Media Policy as drafted. He opened up for discussion the language in the policy.

Mr. Rose suggested several changes in reference to paragraph 3—in emergency situations—the Board of Health Chairman should first be called upon, then the Health Agent. For Fire and associated incidents, the Fire Chief or his designee language should be added; for Police – Police Chief or his designee and for the Water Department, the Water Superintendent or his designee. Otherwise Mr. Rose stated the remaining language is fine.

Chairman Hegarty commented on the last sentence regarding non-management personnel. He expressed his concern that the last sentence designates too narrow a group of people. Chairman Hegarty suggested putting the policy before the Board at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting for adoption with the above suggested changes.

On a motion made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Rose, it was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Hegarty announced a Hazardous Waste and Medication Take Back Disposal Day would be held on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at Randolph High School's parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Proof of residency would be required. Bring medications in their original container from the pharmacy. The following materials will NOT be collected: thermometers,

needles/sharps or medical waste of any type including radioactive and bio-hazardous materials. For more information please contact the Avon Board of Health at (508) 588-0414 or visit www.avonmass.org.

Chairman Hegarty announced we are celebrating Avon's 125th Anniversary with a large parade on Sunday, October 20th. There will be an insert in next week's "Moneysaver." Volunteers are still needed for the event. The parade begins at 1:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Church. Please note that there will be no street parking allowed anywhere on the parade route. There will be many road closings before and during the parade, so please seek alternate routes ahead of time.

7:55 p.m.—Community Opportunities Group, Inc.—Wayne Darragh, Vice President

Mr. Darragh, Vice President of Community Opportunities Group, Inc. appeared before the Board.

Chairman Hegarty read the "Request for Proposals and Qualifications." The RFP is for services relating to CDBG grant consulting, administration and implementation. Services being requested are for a Community Development Director, Program Manager, Housing Rehabilitation Specialist and an Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper. A Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program provides funds for the project.

One Proposal was received from Community Opportunities Group, Inc. of Boston on September 25, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. McCue commented that he had a positive experience with this organization several years ago and he would favorably promote the award for administration and implementation of the grant to Community Opportunities Group, Inc. in conjunction with the Town of West Bridgewater. The Town of Avon is the lead entity in this.

Chairman Hegarty reported that he was extremely impressed in the managing of the previous grant.

Mr. Rose made a motion to award the contract to Community Opportunities Group, Inc. based on our prior success and we are the lead entity. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Darragh explained submission of the grant was a very competitive process. The Towns of Avon and West Bridgewater have joined together to establish a Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program which will rehabilitate approximately 13 units of housing in each town – 26 units in total. Assistance will be provided to low and moderate income households in the form of a 0% deferred payment loan. Types of improvements may include roofing, siding, new windows, electrical upgrades, plumbing upgrades, heating upgrades, weatherization, lead paint hazard abatement, septic system repairs and general rehabilitation work required to bring the units into compliance with Article 1 of the State Sanitary Code.

The Avon-West Bridgewater regional grant also received \$50,000 in support of a public social service activity that will fund additional Councils on Aging outreach staff time in both Avon and West Bridgewater. The grant award will be split 50-50. 88% of the grant award (\$44,000) will be used to fund additional outreach staff time for the Avon and West Bridgewater communities.

After some further discussion, Mr. Darragh departed.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Brady made a motion to enter Executive Session for the discussion of legal matters, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the public body, so declared by the Chair. Mr. Rose seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Brady voted aye
Chairman Hegarty voted aye
Mr. Rose voted aye

The Board would not reconvene in Open Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein

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Secretary